Government stand on Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid issue

299. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV:

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stand of Government on the Ram Janmbhoomi-Babri Masjid issue;

(b) the manner in which the problem is proposed to be solved; and

(c) what steps are being taken to control the communal situation in U.P. on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY). (a) and (b) It is the considered view of the Government that the issue can be resolved in a spirit of mutual accommodation by building a national consensus. The Government has time and again, expressed its firm resolve to settle the issue through negotiations without any precipitate action pending a decision by the court.

(c) Maintenance of law and order and communal harmony is the primary responsibility of the State Government concerned. Both the Central Government and the State Government are alive to the situation arising out of Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid issue. However, the Central Government provides material support in terms of para-military forces and equipment to the State Government for effectively controlling the occurrance of communal incidents. The Central Government had also circulated the revised guidelines for promoting communal harmony and checking the riot situation on ground.

Progress in C-Dot technology

300. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV:

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress in C-DOT technology in different parts of the country;

(b) by when all telephone exchanges of the country are likely to be equipped with electronic exchanges; and

(c) what is the percentage of conversion to electronic exchanges in urban/rural areas respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) About 1500 numbers of Private Automatic Branch Exchanges (PABXs) of C-DOT Technology design manufactured by different manufacturers have been introduced in the field.

(ii) About 160 numbers of Rural Automatic Exchanges (RAXs) of C-DOT design (128 Ports) have been installed in the field. The process of inducting more such exchanges in the field will continue.

(iii) One field trial exchange of 512 ports is working satisfactorily in Delhi network Transfer of know-how for manufacture is in progress. More exchanges are proposed to be installed at a few sites.

(iv) 8000 Port Main Automatic Exchange (MAX) is under field evaluation at present in Bangalore network.

(b) No date has been fixed for all telephone exchanges in the country to be of electronic type.

(c) This information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.